

To: Doug Crumrine
President, EAA Chapter 983

Dear Doug,

I know that Chapter 983 is currently in the process of establishing a permanent home. It is always a process that comes with challenges but the opportunities are worth it.

I have personally been an officer in two chapters (186 in Manassas VA and 252 in Oshkosh WI) during the time of establishing a home. In both cases, putting down permanent roots benefited the chapter greatly in terms of membership growth.

A consistent and comfortable gathering place for chapter members to meet is critical to the growth and longevity of your chapter. People are creatures of habit; they want a stable gathering date, time, and a positive atmosphere to meet in, to socialize, and learn from each other.

Fundamentally, people want a place to call "home."

A chapter home adds tremendous value and credibility to your chapter in the community; new members will see value and want to be part of the activity. It brands your chapter as ambitious and goal-oriented.

I personally believe that every chapter should have as a long term goal the establishment of a permanent chapter facility.

Tailwinds,

Charlie Becker
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